

**ISSUE 2** 

## **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

1ST JUNE 2021

### **GOOGLE MAPS**

#### Woodstock has been successfully relocated on Google Maps!

Following reports of visitors having trouble locating Woodstock via Google maps. With Google directing them to a location somewhere in the hills south east of Woodstock. A request to edit, has located Woodstock back in Noyeau hollow.



# **OUR PROGRESS TO DATE**

Since the February meeting the Woodstock Progress Association has been actively seeking funding to support projects in the village. A high priority of the Association is the renovation of the community notice board on the corner of Parkes and Rankin Streets and the replacement of the highway signage on both the highway approaches to the village. In addition we have also sought and received Cowra Council consent to seek funding for works in the Woodstock Lions Park. Works will include a shade shelter, picnic and bench seating and child safe barrier fence.

*In BREAKING NEWS (May 25th)* we were advised by Federal Government, that we have been successful in securing \$7,925 through the Stronger Communities Programme Round 4 for the acquisition and installation of a covered picnic setting, park bench, and bike rack for the southern side of Woodstock Lion's Park, in close proximity to the playground equipment. We have also received a Cowra Community Grant \$616 to compile a tourism brochure and a brochure for new residents. We hope to have drafted concepts available for discussion at the next meeting on Sunday, June 27th.

In the meantime one of our primary focuses remains the installation and completion of our feature entry to the Woodstock village. We are extremely grateful to AJK Transport for his assistance with the relocation of our backdrop to our entrance feature, Lenny Dromgold, Robert Moodie and Cowra Cranes for their assistance in getting to this stage.

We have completed a Community Plan for the village and surrounds with the assistance of the MY BIG IDEA cards and Cowra Council's Local Strategic Plan and graphic artist Lisa Brien. This plan will assist with grant funding applications and project planning for the village and surrounds

We welcome suggestions and ideas at ANYTIME!

## **SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK WORKS AT STANDSTILL**



The Community Land Manager is still awaiting an outcome on a pending Aboriginal Lands Claim over the Soldiers Park that was placed in 2007. Once resolved, a development application will be lodged with Cowra Council for the construction of a disabled amenities block; funds totaling \$70,000 have been secured for the project through Round 2 of the Drought Communities Funding Programme. Work has also been delayed on the balance of the footpath; funds secured \$22,000 until this claim has been resolved.





# GOVERNMENT FUNDS SHOWGROUND UPGRADE

An update on the Regional Agricultural Show Development Grant—Roofs, Rails and Restrooms. The cattle cover to house animals has been erected. The relocation of the cattle rail is yet to be completed. A fenced parading area will be installed for public safety.

The kiosk has been installed in the ringside shed, with plumbing and electrical to be finished and the servery windows to be installed. Finishing touches are also underway on the restroom renovation. All works are to be completed by June 2021. This project is being managed by the Woodstock Memorial Show, but Cowra Council remains the Land Manager of the showground.

Another successful application submitted through the Showground Stimulus Round 2 grant program for \$69,000 will see a range of small projects undertaken on the showground, electrical and plumbing upgrades, concrete works and the acquisition of additional portable seating.

# **CAN EMERGENCY SERVICES FIND YOU?**

Following recent conversations surrounding telecommunications within the village and district, it has been highlighted to the Progress Association by the first responders the difficulty they can experience in locating the residence of those in need.

Woodstock residents are reminded of the importance of ensuring there is a clearly displayed and visible street number / address for their property. Street numbering information is an essential tool for service providers and emergency service organisations in being able to locate your property in an adequate and timely manner.

Residents are encouraged to arrange for the placement of a suitably sized number on their mailbox and / or visible location on front wall of the dwelling. Cowra Council has confirmed that residents are welcome to contact them in relation to any street addressing issues, concerns or questions. The appropriate contact is Dean Steward, Land-use Planner, (02) 6340 2047 or dsteward@cowra.nsw.gov.au.

OR another option to consider is, installing the EMERGENCY+ APP. The Emergency+ app is a free

It is FREE to download https://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au/ Save the APP that could SAVE your life.

app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners. The app uses GPS functionality built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to mobilise emergency services.



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## **FESTIVAL OF SMALL HALLS SELLOUT**

On April 15th the Woodstock Memorial Hall played host to the touring Festival of Small Halls, a sell out event. With COVID19 restrictions the hall seated 120 patrons for the evening. Local Woodstock artist Blair Gough opened the evening along with his wife Simone. Top talent followed with Byron Bay's Bobby Alu and Yackandadah's duet This Way North.

This event is coordinated by Woodfordia Inc and the Festival of Small Halls with a vision of bringing big music to small places. This is the fourth year Woodstock has hosted the event. It showcases an amazing heritage listed building in the village and provides a fundraising platform to the Woodstock Memorial Hall committee who cater on the evening.

A big thank you to the Woodstock Hotel, and Katie Piol Tarrant for her assistance with bar facilities.

Stay tuned for the late summer or autumn tour in 2022, this talent does not land on your doorstep every day.



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Meal service has resumed at the Woodstock Bowling Club. Debra Rhodes has commenced food service at the club. Lunch is served Friday through to Sunday between noon and 2pm and dinner from Thursday through to Sunday 6 - 8.30pm. Roast meals feature every Sunday.



## COWRA COUNCIL WORKS PROGRAMMED FOR JENNY KERR PARK

As a result of funding received in the Stronger Country Communities Grant Round 3, Council have planned upgrades to the Jenny Kerr Park. Works include replacement of washbasins in the amenities block and concrete works surrounding the amenities block, barbeque installation and landscaping. Works already completed included tree removal and the addition of soft fall under play equipment.



# WOODSTOCK MEMORIAL SHOW IS BACK IN 2021!

## We are BACK! The show returns to the calendar on Sunday September 5th 2021.

Planning is underway with attractions secured including Troppo Magic, Dinkum Dinosaurs and Rufftrack Boys with their K9 Superwall. Sections are being finalised, with all the old favourites returning such as woodchopping, heavy horses, vintage tractor pull, chainsaw racing, speed shear and the car, ute and bike show. The Market Laneway and PopUp Pantry will also be returning. All funds raised from sales on the PopUp Pantry will be donated to the Woodstock and District Progress Association. Sponsorship and prizes are currently being sourced.

This is the biggest event on the Woodstock calendar and takes months of preparation. Additional volunteers are ALWAYS welcome. We are always on the scout for volunteers show day to help with gate entries.

Membership for 2021 is now available at \$17 double and \$11 single, and forms can be accessed via the website www.woodstockshow.com.au or on request. Whilst 2020 dealt us with a pandemic that cancelled almost all shows, Woodstock endeavoured to keep our audience engaged and maintain a presence in the arena of agricultural shows. The efforts made with virtual competitions and acknowledgement of sponsors and supporters has seen the show make FINALIST status in the Agricultural Societies Council Resilience Award, to be announced June 19th 2021.



# **SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR SENIORS**

The aged care service of Cowra Special Needs Services (CSNS) was established in 2002. CSNS deliver social supports to seniors within Cowra and surrounding areas. Our key focus is to deliver wellness supports within a social environment that assist you to live independently for longer.

Social support is vital to your wellness. It reduces the risk of loneliness and depression; and empowers community connection and fun. It's a great way to connect with new and existing friends within surrounding communities.

The services provided include: shopping, for both leisure and groceries; social group programs,

including indoor and outdoor games, knitting, craft and lots more; in home friendly visits; morning tea; lunch outings; local transport; trips to other towns; tours; invited health professionals to share information and perform general checks and lots more.

You can request individual supports rather than participate in group support if preferred. We also provide door to door transport service.

If you are interested to know more about our services and how they can help you, please phone the Aged Care Manager, Sarah Hazell on 0439 246 380.

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## **FORTNIGHTLY COMMUNITY BUS TO COWRA SCORES ONE PASSENGER!**

Cowra Bus Service introduced this fortnightly service to provide transport for residence of Woodstock to Cowra on 11th March 2021. It has been funded with assistance from Transport NSW and is to run for a period of 12 months with three monthly reviews. March 2022 will see the service reviewed.

#### TO DATE 1 INDIVIDUAL HAS USED THE SERVICE.

Fares are in line with NSW Passenger Transport fares including Adult, Concession/Child and RED tickets. Your Red tickets can also be used on the day to travel on the Hail & Ride service to other parts of Cowra.

The service arrives in Cowra at 10.05am and depart again at 1.48pm allowing customers just over 3.5 hours in Cowra. Fortnightly dates are highlighted in the calendars below, coordinate your appointments, fill your scripts, catch up for a coffee with friends, and make a lunch date. Plan ahead.

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#### The Pennyfarthing Tearoom is now open for morning tea ....

Home baked treats. selection of teas and coffee to satisfy.

Thursday and Friday from 10am til 1pm.

Bookings welcome 0401 636 545

## **STATE MP STEPH COOKE VISITS**

During May, local member Steph Cooke visited the village and met with the community postal agency manager to discuss the petition regarding policing in the village, she will return again in early July to follow up discussions.

Other matters concerning Woodstock and surrounds were also discussed with the Progress Association:- black spots and telecommunication providers, bus zone speed limits, projects currently funded and underway and potential funding opportunities. We also received some great feedback on our recent MY BIG IDEA initiative, quarterly newsletter and community plan.

If any residents have any concerns that they believe Steph should be aware of she encourages them to contact her office on phone 6382 2399 or email cootamundra@parliament.nsw.gov.au



WHAT'S ON

26th June 2021 Woodstock Hotel Camp Oven Cook Off 24th July 2021 Christmas in July Woodstock Hotel 5th September 2021 Woodstock Memorial Show 24th to 26th September 2021 Lachlan Endurance Ride October 2021 110 Year celebrations Woodstock Hotel







# **THE STORY OF SPEEDWAY RACING**

As most of you would all be aware, the motorcycle tracks at Woodstock have had some big upgrades recently. The complex was established in 1964.

Cowra Motorcycle Racing Club (CMRC) was formed in 1997 (formerly Cowra Longtrack Club) and originally got involved at the complex in 1998. A new concrete safety fence was built on the main straight as the track at that time was not able to be licensed due to the condition of the old wooden fence.

CMRC started with only a set of flags and no money in the bank! Driven by a hardworking committee, the club battled along for the first few years and slowly expanded, bringing through young local junior riders that went on to win many State and National Championships over the years.

As time went on, the Club worked hard and slowly added new infrastructure to the complex, such as fencing, canteen, a PA system, clubhouse, water truck, roller and other equipment for the track and grounds.

Over the years I have seen so many changes and improvements to the complex with the main one being the construction of a new speedway track in the centre of the existing track which allowed the club to move forward and promote speedway meetings. As speedway is a professional sport and riders can ride internationally overseas for a living and fulfil their dreams. Our Club is very proud to have 5 local riders overseas successfully competing at the moment.

The Club has been fortunate enough to gain many grants from Cowra Council to continually improve the complex.

To top it off, CMRC was successful in obtaining a grant from Round 2 of the 2018 Stronger Country Communities Fund to improve infrastructure at Woodstock Park Speedway. Funds secured built a covered shelter for riders and a pit area, as well as erecting lighting for the new speedway track to run night meetings during the summer months. With these works completed within a timeframe and under budget, approval was given to also install a new amenities block, an office/medical room and speedway store tower.

The Club has a very strong membership, holding approximately 10 meetings per year and has run many successful State and National Championships at Woodstock Park Speedway. The venue is now considered by Motorcycling NSW, officials, riders and their families, to be one of the best complexes in the State and rated high in Australia.

Woodstock residents are more than welcome to attend the Club's meetings and hopefully are proud of what the Club has achieved and has to offer in their great village.



## **CONTACT US**

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NEXT MEETING: Sunday June 27th 2021 at Woodstock Memorial Hall 2pm